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SURVEY OF REPRESENTATIVE NORTH KOREAN PRESS
SHOWS TYPES OF ARTICLES AND SPACE ALLOTTED

This report describes the usual format, method of presentation, and type of articles found in three representative North Korean newspapers -- the Nodong Sinmun, the Minju Choson, and the Choson Inmingun. In addition, the contents of one issue of each of these three newspapers is given in detail, including issuing authority, titles and sources of articles, approximate percentage of space per page allotted to each, etc.

On their front pages, the three papers examined by this report usually present editorials, the daily war communiques issued by the General Headquarters of the Choson Inmingun (Korean People's Army), cabinet decisions, government decrees, congratulatory letters and telegrams exchanged between Kim Il-sung and leaders of the Satellite countries, news of special awards given to outstanding war heroes, and propaganda articles.

All three newspapers reserve the upper portion of their front pages, three to four horizontal columns, for editorials. The editorials are usually propaganda and include denunciations of capitalism and so-called US aggressive schemes, warnings against a slack in production, and praise and encouragement for accomplishments. From time to time, two or more of the papers carry the same editorial the same day.

Below the editorials, on the front page, are the war communiques which, since 1950, are prominent in all papers. These communiques take up approximately half the central portion of the front page. They usually list the number of enemy killed, captured, planes shot down, distances advanced, etc.

Congratulatory letters and telegrams exchanged with foreign governments usually take up the other half of the central portion, and, on such occasions as May Day, Korean Liberation Day, etc., they fill all of the rest of the front page.

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Frequently the entire front page, second page, and even the third and fourth pages of these three newspapers are covered with the full text of speeches by Kim Il-song and Stalin on certain important occasions. When two or more prominent men deliver long speeches on the same day, such as New Years Day, May Day, Liberation Day, 1 March Independence Day, etc., the papers have little space left for other news. In addition to the speeches, a good portion of the front page is devoted to portraits of the speakers.

The dispatches of the Choson Chungang T'ongsin (Korean Central News), a government-controlled news agency which is the sole medium of news dissemination in North Korea, supply the bulk of the front-page news items.

Page 2 usually carries news of party activities, e.g., resolutions of a local branch of the Korean Labor Party, the activities of local people's committees in helping out spring sowing, etc., which occupy the upper half of the page. The lower half contains progress of factory production competitions, agricultural activities, and daily installments of featured serials. These are all signed articles, e.g., written and contributed by a party member reporting on the activities of his organization, or a farmer boasting how much his village progressed in attaining production quotas.

Formerly, page 3 contained mainly local news, such as the resolutions adopted by a village people's committee, a factory cell, how an individual helped stimulate increase in production in his factory in order to exceed the quota for the Two-Year People's Economic Program, etc. Bitter denunciations of the ROK leaders normally filled the balance of the page. However, since 1950, almost all of page 3 has been devoted to battle accounts, e.g., accounts of heroism, of how a 12-man machine-gun squad annihilated an enemy battalion, etc. Some of these seem absurdly fantastic and are attributed to "special correspondents" of the papers. In addition, there are stories of South Korean and American atrocities.

Page 4 usually contains translations of Tass dispatches from all parts of the world. Formerly, a few advertisements were found along the lower portion of the page. However, commercial advertisements are rarely seen in North Korean papers today.

The layout for most of the standard 4-page North Korean papers is as described above. The 2-page tabloids, usually local papers, such as the Hwanghae Nodong Sinmun, the Iwanghae Inminbo, etc., follow the same pattern for the front page, but fill page 2 with the type of news found on pages 3 and 4 of standard-size papers, and omit international news.

A translation of headlines of a typical issue of each of the three papers surveyed, with the approximate percentage of space per page devoted to each news item, follows:

A. Nodong Sinmun, 10 May 1951

1. Issuing authority: Central Committee, North Korean Labor Party, P'yongyang; editor in chief, Yi Moon-il
2. No of pages: 4
3. Frequency of publication: Daily
4. Sources of articles: Choson Chungang T'ongsin, Tass, Hsin-hua She, Nodong Sinmun reporters, special correspondents, signed contributed articles
5. Contents (Source given if available):

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Editorial -- "The Good People of the World Fight for Peace"

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May Day congratulatory telegrams sent by Kim Il-song:

"His Excellency, President Clement Gottwald, Republic of Czechoslovakia"

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"His Excellency, Premier Otto Grotewohl, German Democratic Republic"

5

"Foreign Minister Pak Hon-yong Protests to the UN" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

20

War Communiqué for 9 May

10

"Let Us Contribute With Patriotic Zeal to the Drive to Raise Funds for Tanks, Planes, and Ships"

20

"Appeal to All Farmers" (By a farmer's rally to increase farm production)

20

Page 2

"Progress of Conference of Enthusiastic Party Members, Kang Dong-gun Branch, P'yongan Namdo, of Korean Labor Party" (Nodong Sinmun reporter)

20

"Progress of May Day Production Increase Competitions" (Reports from Hamgyong and P'yongan Provinces)

15

"Dazzling Progress of Spring Sowing in Hwanghae Province"

15

"Farmers in Various Places of Hamgyong Namdo Complete Plowing Fields and Sowing of All Crops" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

15

"Achievement 109 Percent in Potato-Planting Program"

5

"Soviet Farmers Fight Heroically in Our Fatherland's War" (Signed feature article on Soviet farmers)

30

Page 3

"Removal of Mines From Area of 60 Square Kilometers by Our Engineer Squad" (Nodong Sinmun reporter)

15

"111th Anniversary of Birth of Russia's Great Composer Tchaikovsky" (Nodong Sinmun reporter)

5

Poem -- "Victory Day"

20

"Youths in Various Places of P'yongan Namdo Appeal Continuously to be Ordered to Battle Front" (Nodong Sinmun reporter)

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"Render Sacrificial Service by Transporting Wounded Soldiers" (Nodong Sinmun reporter)

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"Medical Care for War-ravaged Persons" (Special resident correspondent)

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"Prisoners Locked Up With Corpse; Savagery of Seoul's Reactionary Police Force"

10

"Who Surrenders? Let Us See" (Signed feature article)

30

Page 4

"World Peace Council Communique From Copenhagen" (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

10

"International Student League Executive Committee Adopts Peace Resolution" (Hsin-hua She, Peiping)

10

"Soviet Government Bonds Are for Mankind's Peace and Happiness" (Signed feature article)

25

"The Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of Bulgaria Sends Protests to Yugoslav Government" (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

15

"American Imperialists Madly Establishing Aggressive Military Installations in Alaska, etc." (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

15

"British Labor Party Government Prepares for a New War" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

20

"Stop American Violence in Korea and Punish the Criminals" (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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B. Choson Inmingun, 7 September 1951

1. Issuing authority: General Political Bureau, Choson Inmingun (Korean People's Army), P'yongyang; editor in chief, Yu Ch'un-paek

2. No of pages: 4

3. Frequency of publication: Daily

4. Sources of articles: Choson Chungang T'ongsin, Tass, Choson Inmingun correspondents, and signed articles

5. Contents:

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Editorial -- "Air Force Personnel Must Improve Their Technical Skills"

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"War Communique for 6 September"

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"Heroic Accounts of Comrade Kim Su-gun" (With picture of Kim)

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"Hungarian People's Representatives Arrive"
(Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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"Vietnamese People's Representatives Warmly Received
by Korean Political Organizations" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

20

"American Intimidating and Dictating Policy at Kaesong
Fails" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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Page 2

"Central Political Committee's Decisions and Measures
of Enforcement" (Signed serial on Korean Labor Party)

20

"For the Development of Political Leagues in Choson
Inmingun" (Signed feature article)

60

"Every Factory Laborer Struggles to Exceed September
Quota" (Daily feature entitled Rear Area News)

10

"All the Farmers Struggle for a Rich Harvest"

10

Page 3

"Maneuverability and Firepower Accredited for
Annihilation of an enemy battalion; a Heroic Account of
Kim Sok-yon's Squad" (Signed article)

20

"Two Enemy Tanks Shattered" (Signed article)

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"Enemy Platoon Annihilated" (Signed article)

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"60 Enemy Casualties; Fourth Enemy Counterattack Repulsed"

15

"Brave Pop" A heroic account of an old soldier. (Choson
Inmingun correspondent)

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"Numerous Accounts of Destroying Enemy Airplanes"

10

"A Girl and the Chinese Volunteer Soldiers"
(Signed feature article on the life of CCF)

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Page 4

"UN Economic and Social Council Discusses Land-Reform
Problem" (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

30

"Moscow Citizens Sign Petition for a Five-Power Peace
Pact" (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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"A Review of International Situation" (Daily column
devoted to international news)

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C. Minju Choson, 27 March 1951

1. Issuing authorities: Presidium of Supreme People's Assembly, and the Cabinet of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, P'yongyang; editor in chief, Chong Kuk-rok

2. No of pages: 4

3. Frequency of publication: Daily

4. Sources of articles: Choson Chungang T'ongsin, Tass, Minju Choson reporters, special correspondents, and signed articles

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"War Communiques"	5
"Smash the Aggressive Attempts of War Instigators" Congratulatory telegram sent to the Korean Trade Union by West Berlin workers (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)	10
"South Korean Liberated Farmers Pass Resolution for All-Out Preparations for Spring Sowing"	20
"Young People everywhere Send Letters and Gifts to the Brave Chinese Volunteers" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)	20
"Government Measure for Stabilization of Living Conditions Helps Rehabilitation of People Suffering From the War" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)	5
<u>Page 2</u>	
"All Defects of Guidance Work to be Corrected; Village People's Committees to be Strengthened" (Resident correspondent)	30
"Sowing Front" Chinese soldiers help spring sowing (<u>Minju Choson</u> reporter)	5
"Armament Fund Drive Spreading Amidst Patriotic Response" (Signed article)	30
"Spring Flowing Activities in Various Places" (Resident correspondent)	10
"State Loan Lottery" Serial feature entitled People's Life	10
"Women Fight by Doing Spring Plowing" (<u>Minju Choson</u> reporter)	5
"Enthusiastic Farmers Finish Spring Plowing and Planting" (<u>Minju Choson</u> reporter)	10

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"200 Laborers and Their Families Slaughtered"
News story on South Korean atrocities

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"Orphans Are Bravely Growing Up With the Warm Aid
of the People" (Signed article)

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"Farmers in Kangwon Province Begin Rice Planting"
(Signed article)

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"Kangwon Do People Aid People's Army (Signed article)

15

"People Should Be Proud of Our Partisan Hero, Chang Pa-u."
Feature article on South Korean guerrilla

30

"Rest Camps in Various Places Made Ruins by American
Violence" (Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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Page 4

"Peoples Throughout the World Launch 'Protect the Peace'
Campaigns in Support of Decisions of the World Peace Council"
(Tass dispatch reported by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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"Mass Meeting Held in New York in Celebration of the
Acquittal of Eugene Dennis of the American Communist Party"
(Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

5

"War Will Not Come if French and German Laborers Unite"
(Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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"Polish Legislative Assembly Convenes" (Tass, by Choson
Chungang T'ongsin)

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"Proceedings of the 21 March Session of the Four-Power
Paris Conference; Gromyko Denounces Three Nations' Opposition
to Soviet Proposals" (Tass, by Choson Chungang T'ongsin)

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